17. 2437/2438 Nizamuddin-Secunderabad

18. 2443/2444 New Delhi-Bhubaneswar *via* Tatanagar

19. 2423A/2424A Guwahati-Dibrugarh

20. 2435A/2436A Guwahati-Dibrugarh

Export of cow meat

†4444. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a train full of cow meat is sent every day or on alternate day to Mumbai for export from Tuglakabad, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said train is fully air-conditioned and its doors remain closed completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) Meat is not transported by Railway trains. However, refrigerated containers owned by Shipping Lines are delivered to Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) for transport on Tughlakabad-Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) route. As per the details furnished to CONCOR through shipping bills filed by the consignors, frozen buffalo meat has been carried in these containers.

Darbhanga-Muzaffarpur rail line

†4445. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the then Minister of Railways has ordered to conduct survey for the construction of Darbhanga-Laheriasarai-Muzaffarpur rail line in 1997;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the survey and what action has been taken by Government on that;

(c) whether present 110 k.m. distance of Darbhanga-Smastipur-Muzaffarpur rail line will be reduced to 49 k.m. only as a result of constructing of new rail line which would save time and money ; and

(d) if so, the details of plan of Government to construct this line ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.